

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's implementing regulation, 40 CFR §130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for waters identified by states as not meeting water quality standards under authority of §303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loading and water quality.

The TMDLs described in this notice are required by the 1999 Consent Decree entered in the case of Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., et al. v. Carol M. Browner, et al., No. 4:98CV356-WS (N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division, April 22, 1998). The waterbody impairments on Florida's 303(d) list that will be addressed by the TMDLs are listed below. These impaired waterbodies are located in the Lake Okeechobee - Taylor Creek basin.

Waterbody Name	Waterbody Identification (WBID) Number	§303(d) List Pollutant(s)
Chandler Hammock Slough	3199B	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Mosquito Creek	3203A	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Nubbin Slough	3203B	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Lettuce Creek	3213A	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Henry Creek	3213B	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
S-135 Canal	3213C	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Myrtle Slough	3213D	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Taylor Creek	3205	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen
Otter Creek	3205D	Nutrients, Dissolved Oxygen

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs are invited to submit the same in writing no later than February 13, 2004 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring, and TMDL Branch.

A copy of each of the proposed TMDLs can be obtained through the Internet or by contacting Ms. Cole at (404) 562-9437 or via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/florida/index.htm>. The proposed TMDLs and supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses, may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole to schedule a time for that review.